

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 remain in the case. Favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Specification:

The Abstract and the paragraph numbers [0002] on page 1 and [0020] on page 8 are currently amended to conform with the Examiner's recommendations.

Allowable Claims:**Claims 1-17 & 22-25**

Base Claim 1 and dependent Claims 2-17 and 22-25 thereon, were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention due to an error in the "penultimate" line of Claim 1. Claim 1 is currently amended to correct a clerical error and delete the unnecessary verbiage "passage for mixing" that conforms with the Examiner's recommendation.

Minor amendments of Claim 1 have also been made to improve its grammar and form without narrowing its intended scope.

Claims 1-17 and 22-25 are now believed to be in a condition for allowance.

Claims 18 & 20

Claims 18 and 20 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Lemonnier et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,045,521. To obviate this rejection, Claim 18 has been amended to add the word "separate" as recommended by the Examiner in paragraph item number 11 of the Office Action.

Minor amendments of Claim 18 have also been made to improve its grammar and form without narrowing its intended scope.

Consequently, base Claim 18 and dependent Claim 20, thereon, are no longer anticipated by Lemonnier '521 under USC §102(b) and are believed to be in a condition for allowance.

Claims 19 & 21

Claims 19 and 21 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 19 is currently amended to be in independent form and includes all the limitations of Claim 18 as originally filed.

Claim 21 is currently amended to be in independent form and includes all the limitations of Claim 18 as originally filed.

Minor amendments of Claims 19 and 21 have also been made to improve their grammar and form without narrowing their intended scope.

Consequently, Claims 19 and 21 are now in a condition for allowance.

Conclusion:

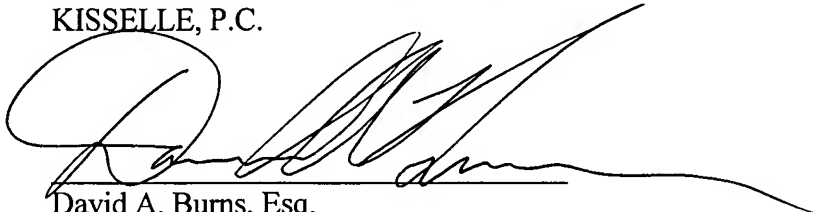
As amended, all of Claims 1-25 are believed to be in a proper form or condition for allowance and such action is requested.

If this is not the case, please call me for an oral interview so that we can discuss any possible Examiner's Amendment and expedite this matter to allowance.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$200.00, submitted to cover the fee for the additional independent claim. Moreover, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies, or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0852.

Respectfully submitted,

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